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CITY OF GIRARD – REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Request for Qualifications

The City of Girard is seeking qualified consulting firms for construction inspection in the category equivalent to the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Work Category: 241-Roadway and Bridge Construction Inspection for the project listed below.

Description
KDOT Transportation Alternatives project 019 TE-0560-01[1], which is a sidewalk project in Girard, Kansas.

Schedule and Deadlines
Technical proposals are due on or before December 19th, 2025, to be delivered to 120 North Ozark in Girard, Kansas or by email to johanna.o@girardkansas.gov. Interested consulting firms must be pre-qualified by KDOT in the work categories noted above.

Anticipated Schedule for Subsequent Events:

Evaluation and ranking of technical proposals shall take place on or about December 20, 2025, after which all firms that submitted letters of interest will be notified of the ranking. Negotiations with the highest ranked firm to commence on or about December 28th. KDOT Three-Party Agreement in place in effect January 6, 2026.

Request for Proposal (Technical)

The City of Girard is seeking a consultant to provide construction inspection services for the Phase II Sidewalk Project. This work includes project inspection of location and removal/installation of 2,531 feet of ADA sidewalk and ramps and replacement of any driveways per construction plans. Inspection of all material

testing as required by project specifications. Inspection of erosion control and seeding as per construction plans. All paperwork required to complete construction of project.

Evaluation Factors

Technical proposals will be evaluated based on the factors listed below to rank the most qualified firm in order of preference as first, second, third, etc. If determined necessary by the City of Girard, a Preliminary Review Committee will be formed to reduce the number of firms evaluated to no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5). Reasons for exclusion from evaluation will be: size and/or qualifications; experience of personnel available for project; current uncompleted work or distribution of work. Performance; no response from firm; or other reason. Firms excluded from short list will be notified as to reason for exclusion.

Factors for evaluation and weight[2]. The highest-ranked firm will be asked to enter into negotiations with the City of Girard for an agreement. In the event the City of Girard cannot reach agreement with the ranked firm, it will terminate negotiations with said firm and commence negotiations with the next highest ranked firm, and so on, until an agreement is reached for a satisfactory scope of services for a fair and reasonable number of hours, or the City of Girard decides to pursue other alternatives.

Contract Terms and Conditions

This is a KDOT project using KDOT funding. A standard three (3) party agreement will

be utilized with special attachments for the Kansas "Tax Clearance Certificate", the "Certification of Final Indirect Costs", and the "Policy Regarding Sexual Harassment."

Instructions for Technical Proposal

Note: No costs shall be contained in the technical proposal. The main text of consultant's technical proposal must not exceed 20 pages (including cover sheets, indexes, etc.) to address the topics listed. Describe processes and procedures proposed by consultant to meet the project completion deadline listed above. Describe processes and procedures, included best practices, the that will be used to perform the tasks and produce the deliverables described above under "Request for Proposal (Technical)". Include in the technical proposal items such as:

- Project manager/engineer in charge
- History of projects with similar tasks
- Availability of staff to meet schedule without overtime
- Cost-effective or cost-reduction practices, processes or procedures used by consultant, if any;

Any sub-consultant and their role (if any) that will be performing services on the project must complete Special Attachment No. 9 ("Certificate of Final Indirect Costs"), and the Special Attachment No. 10 ("Tax Clearance Certificate").

Questions about this request for qualifications shall be to the City of Girard at 620.724.8918 (ask for Johanna) or johanna.o@girardkansas.gov.

Girard General Store hosts Ukulele group to celebrate the season

BY JOSIE GRONAU
HOMETOWN GIRARD

►► At the Girard General Store, "Every Day Is Christmas." You'll find that message displayed in the store year-round, because that is owner Kathi Cooper's motto. As the official holiday approaches, many different ways to celebrate are appearing daily.

Most recently, on Saturday Dec. 13, Cooper welcomed the Pittsburg Ukulele Club to perform Christmas carols from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The idea for this event first came to Cooper when Wendy Strukel, one of the band members, visited her store. Kathi mentioned her love for musical events, and Strukel responded with information about their group. From there, they just had to set a date.

Elwyn and Karen Davis founded the group, originally starting it after a vacation to Hawaii. While there, the couple bought a ukulele, learned to play it, and fell in love with it.

In 2017, they decided to share this experience with others by forming the Pittsburg Ukulele Club. Prior to COVID-19, the group had as many as eight people; however, their numbers are currently lower.

They play once a month at Homestead Assisted Living in Girard, and at a variety of other local functions, offering Christmas carols and religious, western, and Elvis songs.

Currently, the main five members of the group are the Davises, Wendy Strukel, Sally Imhof, and Janie Aita, who was unable to attend on Saturday.

Many of these members joined in response to an advertisement in the local newspaper or a promotion on Facebook.

Ukulele Christmas music isn't the only seasonal offering that the Girard General Store is providing during the holiday shopping season. Cooper emphasized that some of their standard products, such as jams, candies, candles, and soaps, are great for stocking stuffers or small gifts. They are also offering homemade peppermint ice cream and 10 percent off antiques during the holiday season.

Speaking to the purpose of the event, Kathi noted, "The goal of the store is just to keep the Christmas spirit. It's Christmas every day here, but right now we have the opportunity to celebrate it even more."



Pittsburg Ukulele Club members Wendy Strukel, Elwyn Davis, Karen Davis, and Sally Imhof perform Frosty the Snowman at the Girard General Store on Saturday, Dec. 13. The group was started in 2017 by the Davises and performs at Homestead Assisted Living and other local events. JOSIE GRONAU/HOMETOWN GIRARD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SCOTT M. GRONAU, DECEASED.

Case No. CRP-2025-PR-000113

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on December 2, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in

this Court by Michael J. Gronau. The Court issued its order appointing Michael J. Gronau as Administrator of the Estate of Scott M. Gronau, deceased. All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after

actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Michael J. Gronau, Administrator. Jonathan D. Zimmerman-#30165 Attorney at Law 112 South Ozark PO Box 38 Girard, KS 66743 (620) 724-8534 (620) 724-8679 FAX Attorney for Administrator.

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USD 248 School Board Meeting: December

BY TUCKER HUDSON
HOMETOWN GIRARD

►► The USD 248 Board of Education gathered for their monthly meeting at the Board Office Thursday, December 11th.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called into session.

The board approved seven donations including \$6,139 from the booster club for a throwing field structure; \$5,000 from Leah Smith Insurance for a throwing surface; \$8,000 from Producers COOP for the RVH Backpack program; \$100 from PEO Chapter for GHS Choir; \$1,000 from the Bryce Reese Memorial for the FFA; \$500 from Farmers Bank for FFA shirts; and \$12,000 for an RVH Shade Structure raised by the PTO.

Members of the PTO were present to speak with the board about their efforts. The School Board thanked them and congratulated them.

Following this, the RVH Honor Choir performed for the board.

The USD 248 technology department then presented updates and information to the board. They provided their roadmap and explained their plans to trade in outdated i-pads through Apple's buyback program.

The board approved two GHS work study applications. They also approved all but two of the KASB recommended policy updates.

Following a facilities update by superintendent Todd Ferguson, the board entered into a ten-minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

Returning from the executive session, the board accepted the resignations of Lanna Stewart as RVH cook and Dusti Hudson as GHS school secretary. They also accepted the employment recommendations of a GHS Baseball assistant and RVH cook.

The board accepted changes to the GHS Handbook. These included changes to the attendance policy. Moving forward "Upon the student's return

to school, the student must be accompanied by a doctor's note. Medical absences accompanied by a doctor's note upon arrival back to school of appointment will not be counted towards finals/renaissance rewards." Additionally, "The student must have no recorded tardies and no more than one recorded absence during the quarter." Prior to these changes, students were given medical absences only if they were absent for three days in a row. They could also have two non-medical absences before they were ineligible for finals/renaissance rewards.

Before going into a second executive session, the Board thanked member Peggy Marshall for her service and presented her with a plaque. This was Marshall's final board meeting after declining to seek reelection.

Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

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